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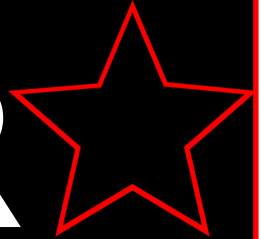


Vista-Therm Strike
No Intimidation of Migrant Workers



Solidarity with CNT-AIT Dispute
Solidarity With Foldeco Workers in Spain

BLACK STAR



Education Workers' Action

In spite of an agreement signed between the unions and the Department of Education some time ago, school cleaners, cooks, janitors and classroom assistants, some of the most poorly paid workers in the education sector, have been told that they are getting nothing. Effectively held to ransom like many other public sector workers, by the Northern Ireland Office to pressurise the DUP back into government, the education workers were back on the picket lines for a 48 hour strike starting on 15 November. Workers will no longer be held to ransom - we must escalate our industrial action until we victory.

**‘Fence-sitting and
hand-wringing...
will no longer
placate education
workers’
Trade union rep.**

Belfast IKEA Protest



Organise! Friends of the IWA-AIT recently expressed solidarity with our comrades in the CNT-AIT SOV Madrid who are supporting their member employed by IKEA furniture suppliers, Foldeco.

Foldeco uses racist abuse against its workforce in an effort to keep them in line and squeeze more productivity out of them.

Why protest at Ikea? Because Ikea are profiting from workplace abuse. For more than three years a member of the anarcho-syndicalist union CNT-AIT working at Foldeco Development S.L. in Spain has been suffering extreme workplace harassment. Because of this abuse our comrade has had to seek medical treatment for anxiety and has been on sick leave since last November.

Foldeco is a subcontractor of IKEA so until IKEA ensures its subcontractors respect their workers, it is an accomplice in the

mistreatment of Foldeco's workforce, profiting from Foldeco's abuse.

CNT-AIT Madrid is engaged in a labour dispute with Foldeco on behalf of our comrade and his fellow workers.

This mistreatment includes:

twelve hours days without overtime pay, handling of toxic substances without adequate personal protective equipment, denial of holiday days, preventing staff from going to see their doctor, the manipulation of working times and shifts in order to hide excess working hours in breach of contract, and all this is under constant threats of dismissal or pay cuts.

As a result of demanding his rights, and denouncing his mistreatment to managers and owners, our comrade has suffered threatening behaviour, insults, humiliation, and physical aggression. Management have also used racist and xenophobic abuse to try force more work out of our comrade and other workers.

AGAINST ABUSE, EXPLOITATION, AND RACISM!

AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL!

Israeli State Terror



Recent weeks have seen the escalation of the Israeli state's bombardment and now invasion of Gaza to the affront, outrage and opposition of the world at large, not including the US and British governments and a handful of other states.

Most people justifiably appalled by the ongoing slaughter are demanding an immediate ceasefire and end to hostilities. The slaughter of people in Gaza, and in numerous other conflicts around the world surely must end. How that can be accomplished is another matter. Some demand that the Republic of Ireland government expel the Israeli ambassador,

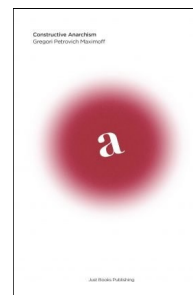
presumably because they believe the Irish state can thereby exercise a wee bit of moral leadership. We have no faith in the Irish state, because like the Israeli state and the Palestinian state (if it ever truly emerges), are entities that we as anarchists oppose and wish to see completely dismantled.

The unbridled savagery of the Israeli state is but an expression and realisation of the nature of all states - driven by nationalism, imperialist ambition, religion, and race, but most commonly by class, they exercise the full force of their power to undermine, silence, oppress and destroy those who oppose them and whose destruction their very existence is predicated upon. So yes, down with the Israeli state, but down with a Palestinian one also! No state solution, and no war but the class war!

Just Books Publishing



Just Books Publishing, set up by the Just Books Collective, has so far published its first two titles.



The first is a reprint of Gregori Maximoff's *Constructive Anarchism*, to mark the 100th year of existence of the International Workers Association (IWA) the Anarcho-Syndicalist

international founded in Berlin in 1922.

isbn 9781739723705

£11.99



The second title, now with a new cover, is Nick Heath's *The Idea*.

Anarchist Communism: Past, Present and Future - a welcome and new comprehensive work on anarchist communism,

this book seeks to rehabilitate the current of anarchist-communism. To make it better known and understood.

...a good substantial book, and much needed. Lucidly written, it provides a rich brew of engaging discussions of the 'Idea' (anarchist communism as a political philosophy), interesting vignettes of many individual anarchists, and a great historical account of the many anarchist communist organisations over the past 150 years...

(Brian Morris on *The Idea*)

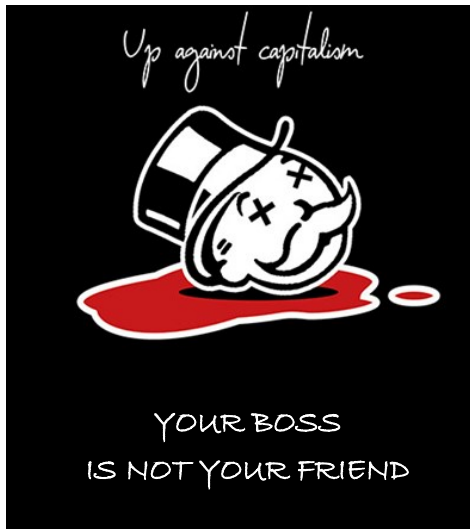
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<https://organiseanarchistsireland.com/shop/>

Craigavon Vista Therm Strike



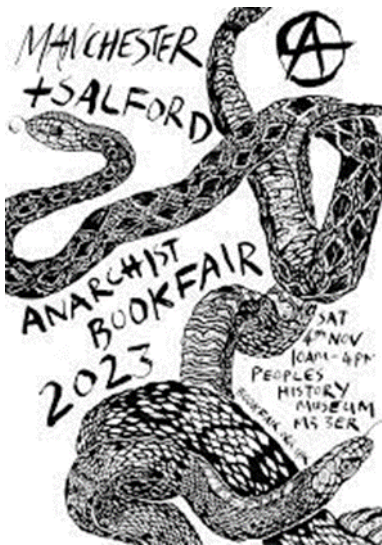
Workers at Vista Therm in Craigavon, who make reinforced glass, are into their thirteenth week of strike action after a recent re-ballot over harassment and intimidation of trade unionists.

Organise! support the workers and their union, Unite, in calling for Vista Therm's parent company Carey Glass of Nenagh, in County Tipperary to recognise the union, as the Craigavon firm does, in spite of its sacking of two union members, the suspension of two others and the general anti-union victimisation of the mainly Polish and Ukrainian workforce.

The bosses' tactics will not win and the marginalisation, threats and abuse of migrant workers which this company has become infamous for will continue to be opposed by all workers and trade unionists.



Manchester and Salford Anarchist Bookfair



In spite of our plans for a stall at this bookfair not working out, I wandered along to the People's History Museum on Saturday morning, 2 November to take look around and

chat to some of the participants. Having took a stroll from Manchester Deansgate station and the early morning train from the north, I slipped into the PHM café and grabbed a cuppa tae and a bacon bap (or 'barm', as they say around these parts), avoiding the death stares of the crusties munching on their quinoa salad sandwiches.

There were a good number of stalls set up early on, a number seemed to relate to green anarchist and other environmental groups and campaigns. PM Press had a stall outside and inside there were some other book dealers with a variable collection. A local artist was advertising her work, as was a poster-maker/framer and a co-operative stall were hawking co-op start-up materials. The IWW were there as were friends from the Anarchist Communist Group and the Communist Workers' Organisation. I had a pleasant chat with a few people, including those at the Cunningham Amendment stall, a couple of friendly punks who were there in support of the absent founder and creator of the booklets, Peter Good, former originator of Anarchism Lancastrium. Finally, it was great to see our comrades from SolFed there, including a certain Limavady-Manc anarcho-syndicalist flying the fleg for the IWA-AIT. All in all, a good event that might have improved with some more interactive stuff – we'll be back!



Meanwhile... In Ballymena



Mag Mell in Irish mythology referred to the Celtic underworld. It's the name of a new Ballymena property firm.



Sweeping up large tracts of the North once the preserve of NAMA, the Irish state's public-private property portfolio of bad debt, Magmel is a real north-south partnership. It's a merger of the Ballymena-based Magell and the Dublin-based Melcorpo and they've recently bought up the Braidwater Retail Park here for an unnamed price tag after taking control of other retail sites in recent years. As usual capital knows no boundaries or borders whilst fighting goes on about the Windsor Framework. Obviously, some of these fuckers have seen the North's new status from a long way off, whilst unionists have been arguing about sausages.

Get Involved: Help Build A Working Class Alternative.



Organise! is an anarcho-syndicalist group in Ireland which is affiliated to the International Worker's Association as 'friends of' section. We take inspiration from the self directed struggles of working-class people, and particularly the history and tradition of struggle epitomised by the IWA - the anarcho-syndicalist international. Our history goes back to the original formation of Organise! by the Ballymena and Antrim Anarchist Groups in 1985. We are a small, but growing, group of ordinary working class people who are fed up with being fucked about by the profit system, fed up with seeing our communities and workplaces torn apart by racism, patriarchy, nationalism and sectarianism, and sick of a greedy few getting rich off everyone else's backs.

We are actively working to promote solidarity in opposition to capitalism, the state, patriarchy and all other forms of oppression and hierarchy. The way we organise reflects the free society we want to create: one based on voluntary association, democratic participation and self-management.

Our members are workers, claimants, students, migrants, unemployed and other working-class people committed to building a libertarian communist union movement actively opposed to all forms of oppression and exploitation.

We want to improve everyday conditions for ourselves and other working class people, but we also struggle for the revolutionary transformation that can create a free and equal society, one based on mutual aid and co-operation. Sound crazy? Maybe it does, but in an era in which it is easier to imagine the end of the world than the end of capitalism the continuation of the present system is even crazier...



The current system isn't working – ill-health, stress and overwork affect more and more people while others are flung on the dole; for increasing amounts of workers it is precarity, zero hours contracts and the stress of being unable to plan or budget our lives; we live in a world of plentiful resources yet millions starve; some people make vast fortunes just because they own companies, land, property or natural resources, but those of us who create the wealth, work the land and build the properties are left struggling to survive; politicians tell us there's no money – not for wages, benefits or local amenities, but there's always plenty for war; both locally and globally the gap between the richest and the poorest sections of society has never been so great; instead of a war on poverty they've got a war on 'benefit fraud', while the same system that creates war, poverty and environmental destruction stigmatises, imprisons and deports the resultant refugees.

We don't think these things are inevitable or coincidental, we think they are related to capitalism – an economic system defined by wage slavery and the accumulation of profit out of other people's work. So we support all workers against their bosses in demanding higher wages and better conditions. We try to intervene practically to support workers engaged in disputes and are also active in our own workplaces and communities. Not only against exploitation but against the multiple oppressions faced by members of the working class in all our diversity.

But it's not just a question of trying to struggle by in a world of exploitation and oppression; we look to a future where workers control production and society in their own interests. And unlike some people who claim to oppose capitalism, we don't want to be a new set of leaders and we refuse to be led by anyone else. We advocate direct democracy in the workplace and through the commune in our communities – working in federation to ensure that the needs of all are met and that no-one is ever again in a position to oppress or exploit another human being.

If you are interested in these ideas, we'd encourage you to explore our website and consider getting involved.

We currently have members in Belfast, Cork, Derry, Lisburn, Newtownabbey and Portadown and are building the organisation on the basis of active involvement and participation. We aren't interested in meaningless 'paper' membership so you can't join by filling in an online form and bunging us a few quid.

To talk to us about joining get the ball rolling, check out our website at <https://organiseanarchistsireland.com> and send an email to:

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